

# Fact Sheet

## FY 1999 Resource Enhancements

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### Northern Border

#### Border Patrol and Special Agent Staffing for Northern Border –

Location		Current Staff	Increase	Total	Percent Increase
Blaine Sector	Agents	48	7	55	15%
	Support	22	–	22	–
Detroit Sector	Agents	29	7	36	24%
	Support	12	–	12	–
Swanton Agents	Sector*	76	8	84	11%
	Support	19	–	19	–
Total Agents		153	22	175	14%
Support		53	–	53	–

\* The 8 new agents will be assigned to the Massena, New York station in the Swanton Sector.

#### Construction –

- **Detention Facility Construction Projects** **\$900,000**  
Resources for the construction of support facilities at the Varick Street Service Processing Center in New York City.

#### Technology and Automation –

INS has long recognized the critical role technology plays in its mission to carry out the nation's immigration laws, and INS' commitment to equipping its officers with the best technology available continues in the FY 99 budget.

- **Night-Vision Equipment:** INS has deployed advanced night-vision technology to aid in night operations. Sophisticated goggles and pocket scopes, mobile infrared imaging scopes and low-light remote television systems are allowing the Border Patrol to more effectively detect, track and apprehend illegal border crossers and smugglers and to interdict and seize illegal drugs and other contraband.
- **Dedicated Commuter Lane (DCL):** INS is adding additional DCLs in Washington State. DCLs facilitate the flow of legal vehicle traffic at a border POE by electronically identifying all vehicles authorized to use the lane. Vehicles will utilize radio frequency technology to automatically be identified by the system. The system enables Inspectors to focus efforts on higher risk traffic and lowers costs for each inspection.